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NATIONAL TURKEY MARKET - AT A GLANCE



DOMESTIC MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trade sentiment steady to firm on hens and consumer sized toms with Eastern processors the most confident. Demand light to instances fair consisting mostly of distributive interest. Trading light and centered on open priced private label hens and toms delivered East from the Midwest. Offerings ranged from light to adequate and held with confidence. Trading light. The bulk meat market was steady to strong with white meat items the strongest. Bulk parts were steady to fully steady except for tom 2-joint wings which were starting to show signs of weakness.

EXPORT MARKET HIGHLIGHTS

Trading was light and centered on frozen thigh meat at higher trending price levels. Inquiry on frozen thigh meat ranged fair to good with supplies held with confidence. Drum inquiry was in a full range and was light to instances good. Inquiry on the balance of items ranged light to fair.

WHOLE YOUNG TURKEYS, FROZEN 1/, CONSUMER SIZES, COMMODITY PACK OR EQUIVALENT, US GRADE A, CENTS PER LB, DELIVERED (MINIMUM 10,000 LB LOTS) **SEPTEMBER 26, 2000**

CURRENT SHIPMENTS 2/					FORWARD SHIPMENTS 6/			OPEN COMMITMENTS 7/	
	OFFERS	SALES	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	WTD AVG	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER	VOLUME (000)	DEL. PER
8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	77-78	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	76-78	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	76-78	77	77.00	20	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	73-74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CENTRAL REGION 4/	73-74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	73-74	74	74.00	20	-	-	-	-	-

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8-16 LB HENS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	77-79	-	-	-	-	-	-	320	OCT
CENTRAL REGION 4/	76-78	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	76-78	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-24 LB TOMS									
EASTERN REGION 3/	74-77	-	-	-	-	-	-	400	OCT
CENTRAL REGION 4/	74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
WESTERN REGION 5/	73-74	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

1/ May include product stored at temperatures in range of 1 to 25 degrees F. 2/ Includes product priced for shipment within 14 days. 3/ Includes product with 3 percent broth basting. 4/ Includes product with 3-6 percent broth basting. 5/ Includes products with 6 percent broth basting. 6/ Includes product committed for pricing during the previous 24 hours but shipment in more than 14 days from date of commitment. 7/ Includes product committed during previous 24 hours at prices to be determined at later date.

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED), CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS AS OF 26 SEPTEMBER 2000.

Trade sentiment steady to instances firm on tom breast meat and destrapped tenderloins; wing meat with skin, breast trim and scapula fully steady. The tom 2-joint wing market is starting to show signs of weakness with some noting offering prices at lower trending price levels. Breast meat and destrapped tenderloin demand ranged fair to good, fair on the balance of white meat items. Export inquiry ranged from light to fair on tom 2-joint wings to fair to good on thigh meat and drums. Trading centered on a fair volume fresh mechanically separated turkey for domestic shipments, light on the balance of items. For export: drumettes 19-21, frozen young hen breast meat 158, frozen young tom breast meat 168 cents delivered.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		M	104.00	120
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		F	154.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		M	98.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	31.00		31.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		W	31.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN	32.00		32.00	6
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM		M	23.50	160
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN	25.00		25.00	7
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM		R	33.67	86
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		M	58.00	40
NECKS, TOM		M	13.95	190
NECKS, HEN	15.00		15.00	6
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/		F	163.00	160
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	191.00-196.00		192.63	320
THIGH MEAT				
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	67.00		67.00	20
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F	120.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		W	109.00	160
TENDERLOINS		W	135.00	20
DESTRAPPED TENDERS		F	150.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	183.50-185.00		184.50	120
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		M	44.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	18.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/	15.00-17.00		16.29	480

EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	31.00		31.00	20
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		M	23.50	104
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS	22.25		22.25	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	19.00		19.00	160
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	64.00		64.00	20

1/ CODES FOR LAST SIGNIFICANT TRADE (L.S.T.):

M=MONDAY T=TUESDAY W=WEDNESDAY R=THURSDAY F=FRIDAY

2/ Breasts are bagged; rib, back, and wing meat included; and basted.

3/ Boneless and skinless without tenderloins.

4/ 15-20% fat with skin added.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED TURKEY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS

	RANGE
FRESH TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	95-102
FRESH TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	95-96
FROZEN TURKEYS Y HENS 8-16#	80-83
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 14-24#	77-80
FROZEN TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-28#	78-82

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED TURKEY DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
TURKEYS Y HENS	85-104
TURKEYS Y TOMS UNDER 22#	88-104
TURKEYS Y TOMS 22-24#	88-104
TURKEYS Y TOMS 24-26#	88-104
TURKEYS Y TOMS 26 LBS & OVER	102-104

NATIONAL YOUNG TURKEY PARTS AND BULK MEAT, FROZEN (UNLESS SPECIFIED),
CENTS PER LB., DELIVERED FIRST RECEIVERS, PART AND FULL TRUCKLOTS
AS OF 27 SEPTEMBER 2000.

Undertone steady to firm on thigh meat with supplies generally held with confidence. Bulk parts undertone steady to fully steady on necks, full-cut wings, hen drums and hen 2-joint wings; and steady to barely steady on tom 2-joint wings. The trade sentiment on tom drums ranged from steady to fully steady with some noting increased offers while others still call the market strong. Inquiry on tails light to fair with some sellers starting to demonstrate increased confidence in the market. Demand on tom drums and thigh meat light to good mostly fair to good, fair on full-cut wings and necks, 2-joint wings slow to fair with hen the most active. Offerings of 2-joint wings uneven and ranged tight to instances fully adequate with toms the most available, necks light, full-cut wings and hen drums light, tom drums short to sometimes adequate. Fresh tom breast meat traded at 192.50 cents delivered October-November.

DOMESTIC TRADING	PRICE RANGE	L.S.T. CODE 1/	WTD AVG PRICE	VOLUME (000)
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A 2/		M	104.00	120
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS GRADE A—FRESH 2/		F	154.00	40
BREASTS, 4-8 LBS PLANT GRADE 2/		M	98.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM	32.00		32.00	80
DRUMSTICKS, TOM—FRESH		W	31.00	40
DRUMSTICKS, HEN		T	32.00	6
WINGS, FULL-CUT, TOM	27.00		27.00	40
WINGS, FULL-CUT, HEN		T	25.00	7
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM	33.00-35.00		34.33	120
WINGS, V-TYPE, HEN		M	58.00	40
NECKS, TOM	14.00-16.00		15.00	80
NECKS, HEN		T	15.00	6
BREASTS, B/S, TOM 3/	160.00-175.00		165.22	360
BREASTS, B/S, TOM—FRESH 3/	195.00-198.00		196.91	55
THIGH MEAT				
THIGH MEAT—FRESH	63.00		63.00	18
BREAST TRIM MEAT		F	120.00	40
SCAPULA MEAT		W	109.00	160
TENDERLOINS	132.00		132.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS	150.00		150.00	40
DESTRAPPED TENDERS—FRESH	186.00-193.00		186.91	46
WING MEAT WITH SKIN		M	44.00	80
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/		F	18.00	40
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED—FRESH 4/		T	16.29	480

EXPORT TRADING

DRUMSTICKS, TOMS	30.50-31.00		30.75	80
WINGS FULL-CUT - TOMS		M	23.50	104
WINGS, V-TYPE, TOM				
TAILS	22.00-23.50		23.20	150
MECHANICALLY SEPARATED 4/	17.50-18.00		17.90	196
THIGH MEAT - FROZEN	66.00-67.00		66.11	380

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BREEDER TURKEYS CERTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA W/E 09/27/00

POULTRY HEALTH BOARD

SEASON	HEAVY	HEAVY	ALL
JULY 1 TO JUNE 30	WHITE	WHITES	BREEDS
2000-2001	5,001	99,634	99,884
1999-2000	3,894	93,052	93,052

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